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MBA, St. Cecilia Have Fun in the Country

by Rob Lentz

reporter

On a bleak Saturday morning, November 19, a multitude of MBA and St. Cecilia students piled into a bus and two vans and headed for Beersheba Springs and Wholemeal.

Wholemeal is a massive complex of concrete, wood, and glass in the shape of a gigantic boat, that serves as a getaway for Carter Andrews, under whose guidance, along with that of the Paschalls and Mrs. Waugh, the students spent an exciting weekend.

Having arrived at Wholemeal, which boasts a working drawbridge, a firepole, an indoor basketball hoop and court, a lofty crow's nest, and various trapdoors, the boys became acquainted with the girls and the festivities began.

A party of about twenty hardy, fearless souls was quickly organized and, while the rest of the travellers relaxed in the warm, dry comfort of Wholemeal playing basketball or pool, the bold adventurers, led by the fearless John Smithwick and his obsequious toadie Billy Frist, set out on a hike to the scenic Stone Door.

As the weather worsened, this outing became less of a hike and more of an odyssey through the cruel realm of nature's fury, as the hikers encountered slashing winds and relentless torrents of rain, not to mention the threat of bears and rabid badgers stalking the woods. Battered, but undaunted by the harassment of Mother Nature, the weary wanderers returned to Wholemeal, where a full evening of activities awaited them.

The night began, as it traditionally does, with a scrumptuous dinner, marred only by the diabolical plot of Mrs. Paschall and Wilson Hardcastle to slip raw franks into the buns of unsuspect-

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Walter Southwood: Sky King

Renard François

Debate Team Keeps On Winning

by Babu Paruchuri

staff writer

The debate team has found its usual success this year.

At Wake Forest in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the varsity team of Eugene Park and Jonathan Reeve, as well as the junior varsity team of Bill Sastry and Will Gray, reached the elimination rounds of the national Early-bird Tournament.

At the Maplewood Invitational Tournament, the varsity team of Eugene Park and Babu Paruchuri won first-place with a perfect 4-0 record and successfully defended the championship won by last year's team. In humorous interpretation, Brad Griffin won third place. In Des Moines, Iowa, the

junior varsity team of Willis Gray and Hal Jones competed with 60 other teams throughout the Midwest. This team compiled an impressive 4-1 record and placed fifth in the division. The 6th place individual speaker award was won by Hal Jones.

The MBA debate team again faced stiff competition against 31 schools in debate and individual events at the Woodbury Individual Tournament. In varsity debate, the team of Babu Paruchuri and Will Gray placed first with a 4-1 record. Teammates Eugene Park and John Reeve finished third by edging out the 4th place team of Craig Davis and Hal Jones. In the novice division, Warren Connally won 1st place

speaker. Garret Kyle and John Wesley were among the top ten speakers as well. Warren Connally and John Wesley finished third place in the novice team with one lose. In individual events, 2nd place was awarded to Brad Griffin for humorous interpretation of literature. With these numerous successes, MBA placed third in tournament sweetpates.

At the Hunter's Lane Tournament, the varsity team of Joon-Ho Yu and Eugene Park were undefeated with a 4-0 record and claimed 1st place. At a tournament in Calhoun, Georgia, Brad Griffin placed a strong second place in humorous interpretation

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Prom Progress Report

by Renard François

staff writer

As you know, the junior class is raising money for the 1989 Junior-Senior Prom. Since the class started the year with \$45, the class officers knew they had to get on the ball.

The class, therefore, made over \$800 in a month. The class sponsored a magazine sale that was successful and the class sold over 400 poinsettias. President Alden

Smith said, "We're where we need to be, for this time of year." Rob Lentz, our treasurer says, "The class' money situation is about like the economic situation of Mexico." Chet Frist, however, replied, "It's not that bad!"

The junior class still has many money making ideas for the future. The junior class extends its thanks to those who bought poinsettias to help the cause.

FEATURES

Christmas Chorus

by John Hays, Esquire

copy editor

The chorus continued its tradition of fine singing at St. George's Church on Tuesday, December 13.

The eager crowd had gathered at the church with hopes of being truly impressed, and the atmosphere was charged with anticipation of the coming experience. The waiting ended as the smooth, flowing notes of "Winds of Judea" issued forth from the back of the church.

The mood mounted as the chorus members processed up the aisle chanting the now famous "Alleluia Processional." The songs ranged in feeling from the gay "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" to the thought-provoking "Prayer for Today."

"Thanks Be to Thee," led by the solos of seasoned veteran Charles Treadway and chorus president Brad Grif-

fin, proved to be a success, as old "Good King Wenceslas," with soloists Matt Bumstead and Mike Seshul. The chorus ended with the roof-raising, window-shattering "Deck the Halls."

Entertainment, however, was not the sole reason for the chorus' program. During the intermission, the gifts that had been brought by the audience for needy families were presented while Drew Robison played an excellent accompaniment on the piano. Thus, between the spiritual content of the songs and the presentation of gifts, the true "Essence of Christmas" was present.

The members of the chorus wish to thank Mrs. Marion Ross, who has put forth at least as much effort as the singers themselves. Of course, they also express their thanks to Mr. Michael Kemp for his fine leadership and dedication.

Big Red Blood

by Lawrence Berman

copy editor

On Monday, November 21, MBA took part in the ongoing Red Cross blood drive.

The Red Cross is always in need of blood because people do not give anywhere near what they could. Some find it inconvenient and ignore the problem. One obstacle to the Red Cross's effort is that many people fear getting AIDS from the process of giving blood. The process is, in fact, absolutely safe for the donor.

The only danger is to the recipient. In the early part of the decade, methods to screen blood for AIDS were not used, thus the blood supply became infected. Hemophiliacs, whose blood does not clot and, as a result, need frequent blood transfusions, became a high risk group for getting AIDS. Anyone receiving blood runs a slight risk of getting AIDS- contaminated

blood. This risk, however slight, is a serious problem. Better tests for AIDS are now being used and still better ones are under development.

The Red Cross assures that the blood supply is fairly safe now. Unfortunately, no one can say that absolutely 100% of all blood given to recipients is AIDS free. There is a 6-8 week or longer period between the time when one is infected and the time when AIDS will show up in a test of that person's blood; there is not a fool-proof chemical test. For this reason, the Red Cross questions thoroughly all donors to create an extra level of protection.

Obviously, the quality of the blood supply depends upon who donates the blood. It is in everyone's best interest to insure that the blood supply contains as much of his own blood as possible. Although a single person's contributions may seem insignificant com-

pared to the total, every single pint is important because if everyone who is able gives, blood shortages would not occur.

MBA is an ideal source for blood since the school is fortunate enough to have many healthy people.

All students and faculty who are at least 17 years old were encouraged to give blood. To further increase support, MBA challenged Harpeth Hall to see who could give more. Early Monday morning, the student body president started the Big Red blood drive followed by many other students and faculty members. Everyone's efforts were greatly needed and appreciated. Special thanks are due to all the first time donors who had been too young to give in the past and to Mr. Drake who made his 56th donation (that's 7 gallons!). MBA's efforts were enough to beat Harpeth Hall yet

Killing the Economic Predator

by Babu Paruchuri

staff writer

America's top priority, to reduce the mountain of debt that the government has allowed to accumulate, can only be achieved through tough decisions on spending limits.

The deficit, which is now \$155 billion, is supposedly being reduced by the Gramm-Rudman deficit reduction law. Unfortunately, Gramm-Rudman, based on some unrealistic economic assumptions and accounting tricks, does not serve as a feasible means of deficit reduction.

The compromise assumes a continued rate of growth for the next years; however, rising inflation, a fluctuating dollar, and an unstable stock market seem to indicate otherwise.

Gramm-Rudman does not take into account necessary new spending programs such as saving 500 insolvent savings institutions (\$50 billion), cleaning up nuclear weapon plants (\$100-\$300 billion over many years), and elimination of hazardous waste (\$11-\$14 billion).

Deceiving the American

public, the Social Security surplus is presently being used to mask the deficit's true size. Without the gigantic surplus calculated in the budget, the deficit would skyrocket \$97 billion! As long as the government continues to hide the problem and raid the surplus, intended for the baby boomers' retirement, the deficit may never be resolved.

In order to solve the deficit problem, cuts in military and social programs must be made because there is neither money for all Congress' proposals nor revenues for President-elect Bush's military proposals. Cooperation between Congress and the White House is necessary, for both sides agree that cuts in domestic and military programs are inevitable.

Mr. Bush's "flexible freeze" does not offer a realistic solution to the deficit because most programs that he wishes to cut are politically off-limits.

For example, one of Mr. Bush's targets, entitlements to the elderly, make up a huge percentage of the Gross National Product, but will undoubtedly be protested by

fierce lobbyists such as the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

Mr. Bush's redundant phrase, "no new taxes," is quite inspiring but has been severely criticized by numerous economic experts such as Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve System, who understands that the reluctance of the U.S. to face the deficit is resulting in depreciation of the dollar's value overseas, volatility in foreign markets, and a loss of business and investor confidence at home.

The picnic is over, and now the deficit is at a critical stage. The longer the government waits and hides our economic predator, the greater the risks become.

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Behind the Scenes

by Brooks Smith
staff writer

Here on the hill, many of us take advantage of little things that are done for us and for the school in general. However, many people are responsible for bettering our school. Two of these people are Mrs. Robert Napier and Mr. Laird Smith.

Mrs. Napier began working at MBA in 1981 as an alumni development secretary. Presently, she involves herself both with alumni development and college counseling secretarial tasks. Located across from Ms. Stevens and Mr. Drake, Mrs. Napier is often caught stuffing envelopes and typing letters. Work, she considers, is not exactly exciting, but is rewarding in the sense that she is always around "the boys," whom she enjoys thoroughly. She considers MBA

amazing because of the strong feelings in the alumni and students alike, feelings which lead Mrs. Napier to consider herself lucky to be here. Her cohorts, Mr. Drake, Ms. Stevens and Mr. Smith, as well the rest of the staff, are wonderful, she says, "so I have a lot of fun."

Another very important figure in the development of MBA is Mr. Laird Smith. Mr. Smith is an MBA graduate of 1958 who went to Vanderbilt, graduating in January of 1963. Coming to MBA to aid in the alumni and fund raising department, Mr. Smith has now been in charge of campus development since 1984. Mr. Smith led the successful fund-raising campaign of 1981; thus, he has seen and helped cause many of the physical changes which have occurred over the past years. Mr. Smith, a strong supporter of

MBA, believes that a "better bunch of young people can't be found anywhere." He has a distinct pride in the school, as he is usually seen out-of-doors, in cold or hot weather, improving MBA's campus. He insists that he depends a lot on the very loyal people who work for him—Charles, Jeff, Ruby, Clyde, Jabo, Robert and Margaret. Regardless what happens, Mr. Smith asserts that our years at MBA "will be the happiest days or lives."

There are a number of staff members with whom we do not necessarily come in contact every day, or every week. These members of MBA do more good for our school than we could ever acknowledge. Mrs. Napier and Mr. Smith provide an unknown (to us) stability to MBA which makes our school, according to Mrs. Napier, "a very distinctive institution."



Pieter Foster

Steve Anderson does the Limbo at Wholemeal to the amusement of many.

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Paschall's Past and Present

by Casey Jones

Reporter

Dr. Douglas Paschall, the new MBA headmaster, is a truly remarkable man, about whom most of us know very little. Dr. Paschall is from a small Tennessee town. While attending the University of the South, Dr. Paschall was recognized as an outstanding scholar/athlete/gentleman. Hence, he was awarded the Rhodes Scholarship. After receiving his Ph.D. from Oxford University, Dr. Paschall returned to his home state to teach at his alma ma-

...Blood from page two again, this time in an area of some significance.

Harpeth Hall collected twenty-one pints to MBA's twenty. MBA still won, however, because Billy Frist had no alternative but to give at Harpeth Hall earlier in the year because he is now wrestling and, therefore, cannot give. Harpeth Hall does deserve credit for having more people show up to give - 29 to MBA's 21. Some people who show up are not qualified for various health reasons such as Andy Patterson's cold which prevented his donation.

ter, Sewanee. Including his teaching duties, Dr. Paschall also assumed the roles as Director of Admissions and Dean of Students. This year, MBA is fortunate to have him as headmaster. We asked Dr. Paschall a few questions about himself.

First of all, Dr. Paschall was asked what was his motivation for winning the Rhodes Scholarship and to what does he attribute his success: "I was not specifically motivated for the scholarship." Dr. Paschall replied that two things could attribute to his success: "I had a wide range of interests... I was a successful athlete and very good student and I read more than most people in the competition."

When asked about the transition from Sewanee to Oxford he replied, "It was surprisingly very easy... Both schools were very traditional, Anglican institutions of similar values and character." Dr. Paschall "always wanted to teach." While at Sewanee, Dr. Paschall held administrative positions for a number of years. He was asked to describe some of these positions: "I chaired the Athletic and

Faculty Appointments Committees from 1974 to 1975 and also became Academic Dean and Director of Admissions in 1979."

Upon being questioned for his reasons for coming to MBA, Dr. Paschall answered that "the things that appeal to me most were MBA's strong traditional curriculum and dedicated faculty and alumni...I wanted to participate in an institution manageable enough to make a difference."

I asked Dr. Paschall to compare Sewanee and Montgomery Bell as two highly regarded academic institutions: "Both schools have a lot of tradition and a significant place in their constituent community....Also both schools have a strong commitment to a basic curriculum and mental training and overall excellence."

Finally, on the subject of foreseeable goals involving MBA, Dr. Paschall told *The Bell Ringer* that "it is too early to draw up a blueprint but I want us to be constantly aware that there are things that we can do better."

FEATURES

Pride Through Appearances

by Jason Burroughs

co-editor-in-chief

Here "on the hill," we MBA students try to set ourselves apart from those of other schools. We boast of our self-proclaimed academic superiority. We would never risk gaining a "hick" stigma by driving a pick-up truck or putting an airbrushed license plate on our car. At basketball games, our jeering at opponents criticizes not their playing ability but their hairstyles, their skin tones, or the stupidity we assume they possess because they do not attend MBA.

Imagine how we may look

to outsiders. They probably consider us to be foul-mouthed, pampered, rich jerks. Does the term "Mama's boy" begin to seem appropriate?

The ironic part of this matter is that while we criticize the masses, we try in many ways to appear just like them. The current trend at Big Red athletic events is to see how many holes in our jeans we can sneak past the eyes of the administration. We swear at opponents whom we criticize for being unrefined. As one teacher has noted to me, the messy condition of the

cafeteria after each lunch in no way suggests that MBA students are more manneered than average.

Please do not assume that I believe that pride in MBA is wrong. If we make our pride known to outsiders, however, we should also present indications that our pride is justified. Practicing basic sportsmanship at athletic events and keeping the cafeteria neat are just two easy ways to inspire "the masses" to respect the pride of MBA students.

Remember, Richie, someday you may be asking the masses to vote for you!



Devraj Basu

It is clear that George Crawford and Matt Bumstead love to hear announcements.

The Winning Debate Team

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tion of literature.

At the challenging St. Mark's tournament in Dallas, Texas, the team of John Reeve and Eugene Park placed ninth among a field of 94 teams.

At the Homewood Patriot Classic Tournament in Homewood, Alabama, the varsity team of Eugene Park and John Reeve placed third. In junior varsity, Craig Davis and Babu Paruchuri took home the 1st place junior varsity trophy with a 8-0 record. Craig won 1st place individual speaker, and 2nd place speaker award was given to Babu Paruchuri. In the novice division, Garret Kyle and

John Wesley placed 5th among 60 teams. Garret also won 10th place speaker. In his first tournament, Rob Howell teamed up with Jim Hill, and the team reached elimination rounds.

At the Glenbrook South Debate Tournament in Chicago, the varsity team of Eugene Park and John Reeve won 9th place out of 120 teams and barely missed speaker awards. In the junior varsity division, Craig Davis and Babu Paruchuri won 1st place out of 50 teams.

The debate team is preparing to host the famous Southern Bell Forum, which will be held at MBA in January under the leadership of Mr. Bill Tate.

...Wholemeal

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ing diners. (By the way, Renard Francois would like to thank all those who waited on him hand and foot while he watched T.V.)

The festivities continued with a limbo contest, in which Renard defended and regained his title of Limbo Master of the Dominican Republic.

Following the limbo incident, Dan James was proclaimed the champion of twist, while elsewhere Dr. "Fast Eddie" Paschall was asserting his dominance at the pool table along with Oman "Snooker" Sloan and Kevin "Chalky" King.

The evening was highlighted by the mysterious disappearance of Michael O'Hare for several hours, a cause of great alarm and speculation by his comrades, until it was discovered that he had become another nameless victim of the jacuzzi, whose churning waters claimed many a guy and gal on the trip.

After a private screening of five movies until the wee hours, most still did not go to sleep (excluding John and Billy, who bedded down after an exchange of bawdy jokes).

Dawn broke and Sunday

morning appeared with bright sunshine. Several of the voyagers climbed to the top of the Wholemeal crow's nest, a dizzying platform high above the roof.

As a bracing gale lashed their faces, the students beheld the glorious view of miles of nature below them, but the tranquility of the moment was shattered by the cries of Renard Francois, whose fear of heights had frozen him to the high ladder on his way up to the platform. Ultimately, with the moral support of his peers and a lot of tugging, Renard conquered his fear of heights and triumphantly clung with a vice-like grip to the concrete tower.

Having overcome his phobia, Renard then appeared to contract an unexplained fear of getting back down, but once again the undomitable will of man conquered and the Fox was earthbound.

After the morning's drama had ended, the weary travellers bade a fond farewell to their new friend Wholemeal, each content with his or her fun-filled experiences therein, and anticipating a joyful return, perhaps, next year.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Arafat, Democrats, and Other Heathens

by Richard Gann

Entertainment Editor
 "No, we're sorry, we just can't have any more overbearing, second-rate, Arabian terrorists in New York City. Try Geneva, they'll let anybody in there."

That reply is exactly the answer Yasser Arafat should have received to his request for a visa to attend the next United Nations General Assembly in New York. Granted that the UN has authority to extend welcome to whomever it so desires regardless of the meeting's location, acceptance of this pistol-wielding sleaze as a visitor to our free nation would make a mockery of U.S. foreign policy on terrorism. When the United States bombed so gracefully the sandy tents of Libya's most famous terrorist, Col. Khadafy, we told the world that the U.S. no longer tolerated Middle Eastern nit-picking of her tourists, and futher

acts of aggression would not be ignored. If the U.S. were to admit Arafat, a terrorist and associate of known terrorists, previous actions and ultimatums would appear superficial and meaningless.

Lord, what fools these Democrats be! Once again, the DNP takes another step to the Left of American politics: Sen. George Mitchell (D-Maine), the new Senate majority leader. One would think back to a traumatic trouncing in early November of 1988 and recall a national mandate against New England liberals. Despite a respectable showing in the Iran-Contra hearings, Mitchell represents the judgment of the majority of the U.S. Senate. Is it any wonder America is in debt?

Last month, four friends, Jason Burroughs, Tom Lance, Chris Shea, Andy Underwood, and I participated in a Model United Nations exercise at Nashville's Hyatt Regency. We repre-



sented the proud Republic of Guatemala, a pseudo-democratic militaristic regime. What fun! A proposal came up concerning a university for Third World nations and the overall education of their peoples. At first glance, naturally we supported the idea; who wouldn't be for education? Then, remembering that we represented a suppressionist form of government, we opposed the very notion of educating our citizens. After all, an insurrection would push us out of power. I relay this dilemma in order to demonstrate the very mindset of

Poor
Richie's
Almanac

the third world's government: the way to avoid rebellion is to keep the aristocracy rich and the peasants illiterate.

In order to break this unjust cycle, the common man must take the initiative to educate himself while, at the same time, holding fast to his convictions of government (democracy, of course). America was formed by ambitious and hopeful religious non-conformists who worked their fingers bloody for everything they got. Our forefathers gave all to drive out the meddling British monarchy and govern themselves. Al-

though this deep-rooted spirit of nationalism has worn off somewhat, the symbol of America remains a mix between the Detroit autoworker, the Southern farmer, and the New York executive, all hard-working, honest, and driven to succeed. Compare this to the heart and soul of the third world: tanned poverty asleep under a wide-brimmed hat. Democracy is earned, not given.

The assassination of John F. Kennedy is even still one of the largest enigmas in American history. Marking the 25th anniversary of his death, an entirely new batch of theories emerges; some discrediting the Warren Commission, others supporting. Amidst the controversy, let me clear up what happened. "Scene and Heard" columnist Catherine Darnell, 37205, did it to save her pets from getting run over by the motorcade.

Talk to Renard François about your problems in...
The Fox's Den

Dear Den,

I keep on having the same dream and it deals with football. I am a running back on the varsity football team. In this dream, I am with the offensive linemen going through the chutes, but every time I get close to the end of the chute it gets longer and longer. The worse part is I hear this voice saying "Drive, Drive, Drive!" or "Chop, Chop, Chop!" or "Stalemate Defense Wins!" Then the voice says to me "Start Over." What does this mean?

-Signed, Simply Miserable
 Dear Miserable,

Well, common sense tells you that the dream means one of two things. One is that you have a strong urge to be a

lineman, and that should not be overlooked. I would talk to Coach Elliott really fast, before the urge subsides. The other possibility is that you have made Devraj Basu mad and he has put a whammy on you. What a curse, dreaming you were with a bunch of linemen who tell bad jokes. If you have the whammy, here is something that should help relieve you of it. Take a chicken, pluck it, and roll around in the feathers while barking. Do this before you go to sleep and you should have pleasant dreams of Billy Frist.

Dear Den,

I have this son, and he always listens to this heavy metal music. He is really into these groups. For ex-

ample, he was on the third row (on the floor) at Motley Crüe, and he was on the second row at the Pit Bulls on Crack concert, and my other son is addicted to rap music, always making noises with his mouth and rambling senseless garbage. What should I do? Should I try to drop them into deprogramming centers for heavy metal and rap freaks?

-Signed, A Concerned Father
 Dear Concerned Father,

Well, Dad, I think you should leave your first son in his little music world. Heavy metal is a dying intellectual and stimulating form of art. As for the child who likes rap music, you have no choice but to kill him.

Dear Den,

One week ago, I lost hope of meeting the woman of my dreams. Then, like a bolt of sunshine to my heart of darkness, a woman of unparalleled magnificence entered my life. I first saw her on Registration Day as I drove into the parking lot with my senior buddy, and I found out that she teaches here. Just the thought that she would see me every day made me jump for joy. Although she is somewhat older than I and maintains an entirely different lifestyle, I feel that we shall wed before I graduate. Can this be true love that I feel, or am I just kidding myself?

-Signed, A Lovesick Fool
 from the Junior School

Dear Lovesick,

First, if she has not noticed you, she is not worthy of your magnificent soul! Yet, if you are insistent on seeing the woman of your dreams, go for it; it could be true love. However, I have consulted Mr. Drake and he says that the eighth and eleventh grades are the most hectic, so try not to marry then. I must warn you - having a spouse as your teacher could arouse jealousy among your coevils.

Mr. François' comments and opinions are his own and do not reflect the opinions of The Bell Ringer. Anyone who has a question they want answered may write it down and submit it to Jason Burroughs, Renard François, or Marion Southall.



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In Defense of True Heavy Metal

by Rabin Nimmo

writer

In the 1980's, the musical world has suffered. There has been a tremendous emergence of Popular music. Perhaps no musical art form has been more maligned than Heavy Metal music. This crisis has arisen from the plague of Pop Metal.

Pop Metal is not true Heavy Metal. Pop Metal is a very predictable and shallow musical form. Typical Pop Metal qualities are simple lyrics and clichéd themes. This music lacks any imaginative construction, and often mere refrains make up the bulk of the lyrics. Themes of Pop Metal are full of clichés and are so dull that the songs themselves become unbearable.

The style of these bands tends to be absolutely unimaginative and repetitious - every song sounds like every other song the band does. Perhaps the most disturbing

element of Pop Metal is the absolute unguine intention of the bands. These bands are only looking to make a buck. We see lyrics designed to follow the Pop mainstream. Bands tend to be "packaged" that is, all the bands have the same general appearance, the same musical style, and the same unindividual, dull personalities. There is little or no concern for aesthetic value of the music as the bands are too busy counting their money and chasing groupies.

An example of this type of Pop Metal band is Poison, a typical package set up with the recently very successful formula: lots of upbeat, simple (in lyric and theme) songs, mixed with a few soft and seemingly deeper songs. This type of band is totally self-serving, which, while at one time a fairly authentic band, now exists as a fairly typical Pop band. This band is respected for its few, generous and relatively selfish

charity benefits.

Another example of this phenomenon is the new version of Van Halen with Sammy Hagar. Van Halen used to be a genuine Heavy Metal power; but now, unfortunately, it has become a simple Pop band as well. One last band which has generally been considered Pop Metal is Motley Crüe. This band, however, has actually stayed fairly true to themselves, even in their latest album. Wait for their next album in order to see which direction this band will go.

Have I shattered your illusions that you were a true headbanger yet? If I have, don't despair. You may now ask yourself: "Okay then, what is true Heavy Metal?" True Heavy Metal in its genuine form is usually strikingly different from Pop Metal. A true Heavy Metal band is a more aesthetic musical form. It is not primarily concerned with record sales, and gener-

ally it does not tend to be mega-popular anyway. The style of these bands is an original part of the members' true personality, and the variety of personality in Heavy Metal is great. Band members are usually quality musicians. The lyrics are complex in both content and theme. The themes themselves are more diverse and often contain intelligent commentary such as genuine social criticism.

A perfect example of the true Heavy Metal band is Iron Maiden. Iron Maiden, although ridiculed by some and criticized by others, is a genuine, hard-rocking band whose lyrics are almost always more than a simple refrain, and are consistently diverse and imaginative in subject matter - often containing founded criticism in such songs as "Run to the Hills", a criticism of White man's treatment of the Indians, or based on classical literature like "Prince of

the Ancient Mariner."

Only recently has there been a new emergence of Heavy Metal, in the form of Guns and Roses. Guns and Roses has brought popular recognition to true Heavy Metal music. Despite the popularity, they have a genuine style that has no façade. They are unique and raw. The up-front realism of Guns and Roses gives this music a uniqueness that is rare in current popular music. Leadsinger Axl Rose commented that he didn't really care if he had to go back to pumping gas after releasing *Appetite for Destruction*. Hewas just glad that he had an opportunity to cut a record.

There is one last development of the new dynamic Heavy Metal: a band called Living Colour. Living Colour is a Black Heavy Metal band, a new horizon for an expanding and progressive musical art form.

No More Plastic Flowers

by David Workman

writer

The groovy peaceful times of yesteryear are no longer. Radical mishap? Or just nature's way of saying, "I've had enough?" Today, one finds that the moonies have reverted to selling plastic flowers; babies are born in test tubes; love is expressed through recycled paper greeting cards; and music is created with household utensils and the outburst of violent screams... and is it possible that something went wrong?

Oh, no.

Tired of spending innumerable afternoons in the mall, watching reruns of *Flipper*, or just relaxing at home, sewing another placemat for the dinner table? If so, then it's time to experience a change in life. Try dying your hair? Not possible? Then just take a trip down to remarkable Elliston Place.

Popular with all creeds of people, Elliston Place serves as an ethnic and cultural center of entertainment and good times. Among the variety of

unique shops and restaurants, there is a long, one-story, rectangular building that is located behind T.G.I. Fridays. However, this is no ordinary rectangular building. Inside, a realm of psychedelic reality awaits any individual who dares to enter.

Sometime last year, Rick "Stoney" Steinberg, descendant of the sixties era, decided to open an unusual store behind Backstreet (located at 207-A Louise Avenue).

Known as Stone Mountain, this unique shop specializes in memorabilia of the sixties, seventies, and eighties. In later days, the inventory consisted of an assortment of T-shirts and tie dyes, dashikis, buttons, paint sets, posters, blacklights, stickers, incense, mobiles, artifacts of the sixties, and a combination of popular literature (in paperback).

However, due to city-wide recognition and over-

whelming popularity, the merchandise was increased by the addition of jewelry, silkscreens, lava lamps, candles, and Guatemalan imports.

Recently, Stoney began a T-shirt club and offers the opportunity to purchase gift certificates (great for those special people of your life). Evidently, stores resurrecting the sixties are on the comeback and still preach, "Peace and Prosperity to All!"



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SPORTS

Varsity Wrestling

by Renard François

staff reporter

The 1988 wrestling team should be a strong team having lost only three seniors and returning nine of last year's wrestlers. Injuries, however, have taken out five of last year's starters, with four of the five out for the season. One must not despair. With the senior leadership of starters Matt "The Warrior" Bumstead, Greg Downer, and Chris Cigarran, there is still a chance for the district title.

Other returning starters are John Bass, who finished second in the district last year; Dan Brooks, who placed third and fourth in his freshman and sophomore year, respectively; David Trainer, who

placed third in the District and twice gave Jason Cook a run for his money; and Billy Crawford, who last year placed third in the district. The seniors and these returning starters will play a major role in becoming the 1989

District Wrestling Champions.

The 1988 season brought some new faces such as Billy Frist, who was out last year due to knee surgery, first year participant Brad Bishop, and Dr. Grubber joins the team as



John Bass tries out a new maneuver on Greg Downer.

Devraj Basu

assistant coach. The team is excited about the 1988-'89 season and MBA is assured of having a good wrestling team. The wrestling team would like to encourage everyone to come and see great and exciting wrestling this winter.

Microbe Soccer

by Patrick Harkleroad

reporter

The microbe soccer team has started off their season with great kick. The young soccer team has the potential to be great. The soccer team started the season with a 2-1 win over the traditionally strong Grassland team. This win proved to be a positive factor for the team, and an emotional boost.

The "Crobials" then easily rolled over CPA with a 7-0 victory. Against Ensworth, the offense proved to be a powerhouse with yet another win, a 6-1 run-away victory. The defense proved to be as strong as the offense in MBA's 2-1 win over Page Middle School.

Going into a tough game against Brentwood Middle, MBA microbes had an impressive 4-0 record. The microbes fought hard and played great defense which was led by goalie Kirk Martin. When the final gun sounded, the microbes came

out with a 1-1 tie with Brentwood Middle.

Their next opponent was an unsuspectingly BGA team. MBA won this game with a 6-0 victory. Then, Grassland came to the hill to challenge the Big Red, and challenge they did. The game was knip and tuck the whole way. Grassland got on top 1-0 in the first half. Then, Andy Russ, the leader of the MBA offense, scored to tie the game. When the game was finally over, Grassland came away with a hard-fought 2-1 victory. CPA was the next opponent, but the game was postponed.

Ensworth was the next hopeless opponent, who never had a chance during the contest. The Little Red has 3 more games until the HVAC tournament. The team looks to have a great last part of the season, and a great tournament. Whenever the microbes play, let's show our Big Red spirit and cheer them on.

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Athletic Calendar
Varsity Wrestling

Friday, Dec. 16.....at Overton Tournament...TBA
Saturday, Dec. 17.....at Overton Tournament...TBA
Saturday, Dec. 31.....Whites Creek.....10:00
Wednesday, Jan. 4.....at Brentwood Academy...4:00*
Thursday, Jan. 5.....Pearl/Cohn.....4:00*
Friday, Jan. 6.....at Father Ryan Tournament...TBA
Saturday, Jan. 7.....at Father Ryan Tournament...TBA
Tuesday, Jan. 10.....Nashville Christian.....4:00*
Wednesday, Jan. 11.....Father Ryan.....7:00@
Fri., Jan. 13..Lipscomb, Dickson Co. -at Lipscomb 4:00*
Friday, Jan. 20.....at Franklin.....7:00*
Tuesday, Jan. 24..Region Dual Meet Tourney at
Brentwood High..4:00
Wednesday, Jan. 25.....FRA.....4:00
Friday, Jan. 27...Overton, Baylor, Region IV.....4:00
* District Match
@ Match preceded 1 1/2 hrs. by Freshman match

Microbe Basketball

Friday, Jan. 6.....Grassland.....3:30
Monday, Jan. 9.....Christ Presbyterian.....3:30
Friday, Jan. 20.....Brentwood Academy.....3:30
Tuesday, Jan. 24.....Ensworth.....3:30
Tuesday, Jan. 31.....FRA.....3:30
Thursday, Feb. 2.....at BGA.....4:45
Monday, Feb. 6.....at Brentwood Middle.....4:45
Feb. 14-18HVAC Tournament at Brentwood Middle TBA

Microbe
Wrestling

by Luke Davis

reporter

The hard-fighting microbe wrestlers, defeated but certainly not destroyed, have fallen upon hard times as the grueling dual meet season comes to a close. Since last report, the mighty Little Red have experienced three heart-breaking losses at the hands of semifinal HVAC powerhouse Brentwood Academy, Grassland, and Brentwood Middle School.

Contributing to these losses were injuries and poor health as hard-fighting but inexperienced second-stringers have stepped up and taken on the job of facing tough competition. But from the mighty Coach Gaither, nothing less is considered acceptable.

MBA will meet BGA in a key match later in the season. Also, though the Little Red has not excelled in dual meets, they appear to be a much stronger tournament team as they prepare for the HVAC finals, December 3.

SPORTS

Varsity Basketball Takes the Court Microbe Basketball Preview

by Keith Ikard

reporter

The Montgomery Bell Academy Varsity Basketball Team, under the guidance of Coach Thoni and assistant Coach Downey, had its first regular season basketball game against a very tough Whites Creek team. The Big Red lost by a score of 57-34 because of Whites Creek's scrapping defense. The Cobras kept MBA from getting good shots. Although the margin was wide, the team had not practiced very much before the game, and there were many inexperienced sophomores who played their first varsity game in their career. The sophomores (Alex Waddey, Walter Southwood, Taylor Mayes, and Tate McDaniel) will help the team very much in the future. Team scoring was led by Bo Healy and Alden Smith who had twelve and eight points re-

spectively. Smith made the team's only three pointers, going two for two. Other bright spots were Southwood's six rebounds and Waddey's five steals.

The Big Red showed much improvement against a team that has not proved to be its nemesis before. On Friday, November 25, Battle Ground Academy was determined not to lose to MBA. The Bobcats won 77-52. The Big Red was hampered by early fouls and a free throw percentage of 20%. The hustler of the game was Bo Healy, who had eighteen points, five rebounds, two assists, and two steals. Another bright spot was Alex Waddey who had four assists, four steals, and eight points. Other highlights of the game included the sexy BGA cheerleaders and hearing how loud Walter Southwood could clap his hands.

On Tuesday, November

29, MBA played Maplewood and lost by a score of 69-49. Scoring was led by Southwood and Waddey, who each scored twelve points. The Big Red, who were overpowered under the boards were led by Waddey and Mayes who got six and four rebounds respectively. Mayes shows much improvement from his freshman year. Other highlights of the game were Chris Steele's chops and three incredible dunks by Maplewood. The biggest thrill was driving downtown and seeing Dr. Grubber climbing a billboard. He has vowed to make the Coca-Cola billboard on 12th and Demonbreun his home until the Big Red wins.

The varsity team is very young and they will begin to win some games. They work very hard in practice and deserve some form of support. So come watch the Big Red have a great season.

by Chris Petrie

reporter

Under the leadership of Coaches Floyd Elliott and Mike Morrissey, M.B.A.'s microbe basketball team shows great promise. Because of the prolonged wrestling and soccer seasons, the team has yet to be finalized.

pated and done reasonably well in the past.

Mr. Elliott serves as head coach to this well-balanced team, while Mike Morrissey, a returning alumnus and basketball star from last year's senior class, is the assistant coach.

The Little Red, despite not having the entire team together, opens its season on Tuesday, Dec. 6 in the Overbrook Classic, a tournament in which M.B.A. has partici-

The M.B.A. microbe basketball team should fare quite well as the season progresses and appreciates any and all support. Good luck to the Little Red!

Junior Varsity Basketball

by Chris Hall

reporter

The Junior Varsity Basketball Team, under the direction of Coaches Downey and Thoni, is off to a rousing 2-0 start. Official tryouts were held after the football season came to a halt.

In the opener, the JV thrashed BGA 65-46 and totally dominated the Wildcats in all phases of the game. The

squad was led by Tate McDaniel, Taylor Mayes, and Chip Williams. Williams led the sharpshooters with nineteen points, followed by Taylor Mayes' sixteen points and Tate McDaniel's five steals. Perhaps the most notable achievement in the match was the ball-hawking defense which was orchestrated by defense wizard Ian Downey.

In the second duel of the

season, the Red outlasted Maplewood 52-45. Tate McDaniel led the troops with fourteen points followed by Adin Lara's thirteen points. Once again, Coach Downey tripped up the opponents with his defensive wizardry. The Big Red compacted its opponent in a 2-3 zone which left the visiting Panthers baffled.

With the wealth of talent on this team, an excellent season is inevitable.

GOLFERS GET THE GOOSE EGG

by James Gooch

staff reporter

November 22, 1988 will go down in the annals of MBA Cross Country history. It was on this cold, gray, November afternoon that the Harriers brutally and maliciously ended the Golf Team's stronghold on the Weenie Bowl. The team staged a three pronged attack: verbal abuse by Gooch, physical punishment by Hyde, and an unbeatable game plan by Burroughs.

The proceedings began a week earlier with the challenge by James Gooch, in which victory was guaranteed by the Cross Country Team.

The game was set for Friday, November 19. Because of a tea party (typical), the Golfers were forced to postpone the game until the following Monday. In assembly, the Golfers questioned the authority of James Gooch to set the date of the game. Wishing no longer to engage in a war of words but rather to display their superiority on the field, the Cross Country Team quietly accepted the Golf Team's feeble request for a new game date.

As promised by Gooch, the Cross Country Team chilled the Golf Team 14-0 behind the leadership of game MVP Jason Burroughs who,

despite being red-haired and left-handed, displayed his flair for offensive football. The other Senior Captain, Lanson Hyde, physically intimidated the Golf Team with the help of Lee Clark. These enforcers spread fear throughout the Golfers' side of the ball. Never before have we seen such a total and complete domination by either side in the history of the Weenie Bowl. Certainly this Cross Country victory is proof of the superior athletic, intellectual, and even social dominance (evidenced by the amount of squealing girls who came to see Lee Clark) of the Cross Country Team.

Athletic Calendar

Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball

Friday, Dec. 16.....	at Pearl/Cohn.....	8:00
Wednesday, Dec. 28.....	at Brentwood Invitational..TBA	
Thursday, Dec. 29.....	at Brentwood Invitational..TBA	
Tuesday, Jan. 3.....	at Stratford.....	8:00
Friday, Jan. 6.....	Hillwood.....	8:00
Tuesday, Jan. 10.....	Hunters Lane.....	8:00
Friday, Jan. 13.....	at Father Ryan.....	8:00
Friday, Jan. 20.....	Whites Creek.....	8:00
Tuesday, Jan. 24.....	at Overton.....	8:00
Friday, Jan. 27.....	at Hillsboro.....	8:00
Tuesday, Jan. 31.....	at Antioch.....	8:00
Friday, Feb. 3.....	Pearl/Cohn.....	8:00
Tuesday, Feb. 7.....	at Hillwood.....	8:00
Friday, Feb. 10.....	University Heights.....	7:30
Tuesday, Feb. 14.....	Father Ryan.....	8:00

All games at MBA will be preceded by a JV game at 6:30

Freshman Basketball

Friday, Dec. 16.....	Pearl/Cohn.....	2:00
Wednesday, Jan. 4.....	Brentwood Academy.....	3:30
Tuesday, Jan. 10.....	Brentwood Academy.....	3:30
Friday, Jan. 13.....	Father Ryan.....	3:30
Friday, Jan. 20.....	at Whites Creek.....	4:45
Tuesday, Jan. 24.....	Overton.....	3:30
Friday, Jan. 27.....	Hillsboro.....	3:30
Tuesday, Jan. 31.....	Hillwood.....	3:30
Friday, Feb. 3.....	at Pearl/Cohn.....	2:30
Monday, Feb. 6.....	District Tournament (at Pearl/Cohn).TBA	
Friday, Feb.10.....	District Tournament (at Pearl/Cohn).TBA	

Varsity Swimming

Tuesday, Jan. 10.....	Brentwood and USN (at TSU).....	4:00
Thursday, Jan. 26.....	at Laverne.....	4:00
Saturday, Feb. 4.....	District Conference at TSU.....	12:00

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